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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting (conference call) of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Coral Workshop Group via conference call.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. (E.S.T.) on Monday, September 22, 2014.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via conference call;

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/262891823>

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

Coral Workshop agenda, Monday, September 22, 2014, 10 a.m. E.S.T. (9 a.m. C.S.T.) until 12 p.m.

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Council charge-“to determine the criteria and boundaries, and other specifics for potential sites, and once that has been determined, that this group meet with representatives of any potentially impacted fisheries and members of law enforcement.”
3. Brief review of management options
4. Presentation on previous methodology in Southern California
5. Discuss criteria for identifying sites
 - a. Identify appropriate metrics (species richness, rarity, etc.)
 - b. Identify measurable units (e.g. lease blocks) for determining boundaries
6. Identify potential data needs
 - a. Available data
 - b. Potential fishery interactions
 - c. Identify additional data that are needed
7. Other Business

Adjourn

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Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council Office (see ADDRESSES), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: September 2, 2014.

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